

# Shepshed Word of Life Church - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Welcome & announcements:

## **You holy angels bright**

who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command:  
Assist our song, or else the theme  
too high will seem  
for mortal tongue.

You faithful souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now from sin released  
behold your Saviour's face:  
God's praises sound,  
as in His sight  
with sweet delight,  
you see Him crowned.

You saints who serve below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and as you onward go  
your joyful anthems sing:  
Take what He gives  
and praise Him still  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.

So take, my soul, your part;  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing out your songs of love:  
Let all your days,  
till life shall end,  
whate'er He send,  
be filled with praise!

*Richard Baxter (1615–1691)*

## **Prayer:**

### **Memory verse:**

- Last week – Abram believes.
- This week – God makes a covenant.  
The Lord said to Abram: "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3.

## **You're the Word of God the Father,**

from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of Your voice:  
let the skies declare Your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
and Your cry of love rings out  
across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
with a word You stilled the sea;  
yet how silently You suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

With a shout You rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.  
(repeat chorus)

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## **Prayer:**

### **Reading:** Hebrews 1:1–2:4

- 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
- 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
- 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
- 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "*You are my Son, today I have begotten You*"? And again: "*I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son*"?
- 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "*Let all the angels of God worship him.*"
- 7 And of the angels He says: "*who makes his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire.*"

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8 But to the Son He says:

*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom.*

*9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions."*

10 and:

*"You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.*

*11 They will perish, but you remain; and they will all grow old like a garment;*

*12 like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed. but you are the same, and your years will not fail."*

13 but to which of the angels has He ever said:

*"sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool"?*

14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

2:1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

### **See what a morning, gloriously bright**

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
for He lives – Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till He appears,  
for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with Him,  
for He lives - Christ is risen from the dead!

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
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### **Sermon: 'Who needs angels?'**

#### **All hail the power of Jesus' name!**

Let angels prostrate fall,  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, you martyrs of our God,  
who from His altar call;  
exalt the One whose path you trod,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

You seed of Israel's chosen race  
you ransomed from the Fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

You Gentile sinners, ne'er forget  
the wormwood and gall,  
go spread your trophies at His feet  
and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to Him all majesty ascribe  
and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,  
we at His feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song  
and crown Him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet (c.1726-1792)  
and John Rippon (1751-1836)*

### **Close:**

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